

# SENATORS AND OFFICERS POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

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SECRETARY OF THE SENATE  
PUBLIC RECORDS

This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, MUST be provided to the Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building, within 30 days after the travel is completed.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Senator Tina Smith, make the following

(Name of Senator/Officer)

disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

Travel date(s): March 15 - 22, 2019

Destination(s): Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tiberias

Name of accompanying family member (if any): Arch Smith

Relationship to Member/Officer: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

## Expenses for Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$5,952.55	\$1,932.48	\$1,169.89	\$7,184.22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				(see attached for description)

## Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable)

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$5,952.55		\$1,169.89	\$7,184.22
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				(see attached for description)

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See the attached itinerary.

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

04/18/2019  
(Date)

Tina Smith  
(Signature of Senator/Officer)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):  
American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2. Description of the trip:  
Please see addendum
3. Dates of travel: March 15-22, 2019
4. Place of travel: Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Tiberias
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Senator Tina Smith, Jeff Lomonaco (Chief of Staff)
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:  
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.  
– OR –  
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.  
– AND –  
☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:  
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.  
– AND –  
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

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☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (see questions 6 and 10).

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

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**AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of this trip.**

**Israelis and Palestinians and see first-hand the outcome of U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation in the region.**

**Please see addendum**

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

**Please see addendum**

**16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:**

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate  <input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	\$6,180  air = \$5,120 bus = \$1000 taxis = \$60	\$1,974  JLM = \$1,356 TLV = \$313 TIB = \$305	\$876  JLM = \$560 TLV = \$170 TIB = \$146	\$8,174  Please see breakdown attached

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

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**18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip**

The trip will take place in Israel in order to educate the Senator and her delegation about the U.S.-Israel relationship.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

**Orient (Emek Refaim Street 3, Jerusalem); Sheraton (HaYarkon Street 115, Tel Aviv);**

**Scots (Gdud Barak Street 1, Tiberias)**

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

**We chose these hotels due to their location and affordability.**



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see addendum

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

round trip, business class on a commercial airline; chartered bus on the ground

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

none

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Rachel Hirsch, In House Counsel

Name of Organization: American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)

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Telephone Number: (202) 639-5248

Fax Number: n/a

E-mail Address: rhirsch@aiefdn.org

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## 2. Description of the Trip

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials, as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, students, political consultants, as well as Christian, Latino, African American, Progressive, and Veteran leaders. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country. The most recent Senate trip was a bicameral trip for Chiefs of Staff in July, 2018.

AIEF grants support innovative and award-winning programming that educates a wide array of participants, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals.

## **16. Other Expenses**

Security: \$3,900 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$1,000 per person

-Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$800 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$720 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$640 per person

Room Rentals: \$600 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$120 per person

Transportation to the Syrian Border: \$100

Photography: \$100 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Hotel Commission \$91

-We pay a 7% hotel room commission to the company that books our hotels.

Entrance Fees: \$40 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Other: \$40 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: \$23 per person

-Tips for hotel staff

## **21. Per Diem**

Meal expenses are equal to the foreign per diem rate for Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Tiberias. Lodging expenses for Jeff Lomonaco are less than the foreign per diem. Lodging expenses for Senator Smith are less than the foreign per diem in Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, and equal to the foreign per diem in Tiberias. Meal expenses include the cost for meals, snacks, and water on the bus. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.



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**FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2019**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2019**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019**

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8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast with Mike Hankey Head, Palestinian Affairs Unit U.S. Embassy in Israel -at the hotel
9:15 AM	Depart
9:30 AM-12:30 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I: The Historic and Holy Basin</i> Guided survey of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ City of David and Southern Wall Excavations</li> <li>▪ Western Wall</li> <li>▪ Church of the Holy Sepulchre</li> </ul>
12:30 PM	Lunch at Golden Panorama in the Old City
1:15 PM	Depart for Ramallah
2:30 PM	<i>A View from the Palestinian Authority</i> Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat Chief Palestinian Authority Negotiator -at his office
3:30 PM	Return to Jerusalem
4:30-5:30 PM	<i>Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II: Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier</i>
5:30 PM	Return to hotel
7:30-9:30 PM	<i>The Peace Process</i> Dinner with Dr. Tal Becker Legal Adviser, Ministry of Foreign Affairs -at Touro
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

**MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2019**

7:45 AM	Breakfast is served
8:00-9:00 AM	Israeli Political Primer Breakfast with Professor Reuven Hazan Political Science Professor, Hebrew University -at the hotel



10:00-11:30 AM *Life in the Shadow of Rocket Fire*

- Strategic briefing at the Gaza border
- Meeting with a local resident

-Moshav Netiv Ha'Asara

11:30 AM-12:00 PM Depart for the Agricultural Research Organization, Volcani Center  
Lunch en route

12:00-1:30 PM Visit to the Agricultural Research Organization, Volcani Center  
Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development  
-Rishon LeTzion

1:30 PM Depart for Tel Aviv

3:00-4:00 PM *A 360° Bird's Eye View of Israel*  
A briefing at the helipad of the Azrieli Tower

4:00 PM Depart, check-in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

5:15-6:15 PM Meeting with Ambassador David Friedman  
U.S. Ambassador to Israel  
-at the hotel

6:15-7:15 PM Coffee with Lt. Gen. (Res.) Benny Gantz  
Chair, Blue and White Party  
-at the hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-9:30 PM *The Israel-Minnesota Connection*  
Dinner and discussion  
-at Deca

9:30 PM Overnight at Sheraton Tel Aviv

PLEASE PACK FOR THE NEXT DAY'S DEPARTURE

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2019**

7:45 AM Breakfast served

8:00-9:00 AM *Strategic Threats Overview*  
Breakfast with Brig. Gen. Assaf Orion  
Senior Research Fellow, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS)  
-at the hotel, Topaz hall





9:45-11:00 AM	<i>Iran and Syria Next Door</i> Strategic Survey of Israel's Border with Syria With Col. (Res.) Miri Eisin -at Kibbutz Ein Zivan
11:00 AM	Depart for Jerusalem
12:30 PM	Lunch -at Hummus Eliyahu, Ashdot Ya'akov
1:15-4:30 PM	En route: <i>Israel's Relations with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan</i> ▪ <i>Bringing It All Together</i> (Closing discussion)
4:30 PM	Check into the Orient Hotel
6:30 PM	Depart
7:00-10:00 PM	<i>The Jerusalem Mosaic</i> Dinner at Machane Yehuda Open Air Market, and meeting place of many cultures -at Jacko Street
9:00 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22, 2019**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23, 2019**